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An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows: A Brief Description of the Drawings has been added.

In the specification, page 12, lines 18 and 19 have been changed to:

--Brief Description of the Drawings

Figure 1 is a sectional view of the wheel bearing.

Figure 2 is a complete view of the outer ring.

Figure 2a shows the shape deviations of the outer ring.

Figure 2b is an enlarged illustration of the detail Z from Figure 1.

Figures 3 and 4 are different front views of the wheel bearing module.

Figure 5 is an end view of the wheel bearing flange.

Figure 6 is a view of a wheel bearing.

Figure 7 is an end view of a wheel bearing.

Figures 8 and 9 are views of different outer rings.

Figures 10-14 are view showing the method steps for mounting the wheel bearing module --

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